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PHYTO SANITARY STANDARDS FOR EXPORTERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether European Union has set new environmental sanitary and phyto sanitary Standards for Indian Exporters and those are hampering our export prospect;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (b): Sanitary and Phyto Sanitary(SPS) standards set by the European Union for certain food/agricultural products, marine products etc. are higher than the internationally recognised standards for these products. Such standards affects Indian exports to EU markets in the sectors of agricultural products, sea food/marine products, milk products, egg products, meat products, bone products etc.

(c): Issues of higher SPS standards are regularly monitored and taken up with the European Union and EU member countries in order to ensure that such standards do not become market access barriers for India`s exports to EU countries.